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Subject: DRACH Ivan and PAVLYCHKO Dmytro

Source: R.

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1. The meeting took place in the New York Public Library on 21 Oct. 1966. It was arranged by Malanchuk Roman, an employee in the Slavic Department of the library. Present were Malanchuk, Malaniuk Eugene and Source. Later the Subjects were introduced to the director of the Slavic branch Mishka.
2. When the Subjects arrived, Source introduced them to the persons present. Upon being introduced to Malaniuk, Pavlychko embraced him and cried out "Yes, you are Malaniuk! All Ukraine knows about you, you are a legend. Drach and I am presently reading your poetry and "Book of Stipulations". Malaniuk was visibly moved by this outburst. The party then moved to the restaurant where they conversed for more than an hour. The conversation was about generalities for the most part. When Source asked about Russification Pavlychko replied that they should talk about Ukrainianization instead, adding that this is a very slow process due to the passiveness of the population. Although recently there has been considerable improvement with the appearance of people like Drach who tend to ~~some of the~~ ^{in the} Russified intelligentsia which reads the works of the young poets.
3. On 27 Oct. 1966 Drach came to the Slavic department and asked Source for some interesting reading material since he was bored in the United Nations. Source gave him old editions from the 1920's of Khvylovy's, and other Ukrainian writers. That afternoon they had lunch together in the library cafeteria. During lunch Source asked Drach about Russification. He replied by showing an example of resistance to this. Last year on orders from Shelest, the Minister of Culture, Babiychuk Rostyslav called a meeting of rectors from all the Ukrainian Universities and instructed them begin teaching all subjects in Ukrainian. This was to be a gradual change. This directive did not go through due to the opposition of some of the rectors and professors. Ukrainians hold many serious positions in Moscow they are holding high ranking jobs and are 1 1/2 million in size. Some of these Ukrainians are truly honest people. When asked about cooperation between the emmigration and Ukraine, and how the emmigration can best help out, Drach replied that this was a difficult question for him to answer since presently he is in the role of a diplomat, but he continued that by reading the emigre press he was taken aback by the "stiffness" of the emmigration in relation to Ukraine. He noticed that the emmigration was too narrowminded in their outlook, and often forgot to see the Ukrainian problem in its international aspect. Some actions taken by the emmigration are quite harmful, Kravtsiv's writings for example have led to the belief in Ukraine that many poets and writers of the younger generation lead double lives, writing one thing, while at the same time having completely different beliefs. In the policy towards the emmigration, the position is the same as it was in 1945. The fact that a cultural exchange does exist among Ukraine and the emmigration to some extent is only an experiment.

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This experiment, of which he considers himself, the group of artists and writers who came with Kolossova, and other poets a part of, is still being decided upon by the government and at present is still not concrete. But in spite of this both sides should make use of ~~the~~ while they can. The exchange program should be built up, we should send writers and professionals to Ukraine, while they themselves will try to make this a reciprocating exchange. Source mentioned that this is still very shallow, and only touching upon the surface of the problem, while matters such as the status of Ukraine in the world, and the building of contacts with the Western world is highly neglected. Drach replied that in this field only the emigration had a chance to do anything. During the conversation Drach asked Source if he was attached to any emigre political party, Source told him that he was affiliated with the ZP UHVR, Drach mumbled incoherently saying that he had heard of this group.

4. During the meeting which took place 21 Oct. Pavlychko mentioned that one fact which the emigration constantly forgets is that Ukraine's western neighbors are after Ukraine's western lands and this plays an important part in Ukraine's relations towards Russia.